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Hammar skjold Said Murdered

NEW YORK (AP) — Penthouse magazine says that the Soviet intelligence agency killed Secretary-General Dag Hammar skjold in 1961 because he opposed a Soviet plan to install a three-man executive council to run the U.N. Secretariat.

Hammar skjold died in a plane crash in September 1961, while on a peace mission in northern Rhodesia. U.N. reports at the time called it an accident.

But Penthouse said Thursday that its report, to be published in August, quotes unnamed U.S. Central Intelligence Agency sources as saying that Hammar skjold, a Swede, was killed by the Soviet KGB because he opposed instituting a "troika" to run the Secretariat.

The magazine said the report is based on a six-month investigation by reporters Joe Trento and Dave Roman.

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